from Government of Punjab for setting up of Nuclear Power Plant in Punjab. However, at present, there is no proposal to set up a Nuclear power Plant in Punjab. Nuclear power projects are Central Sector Projects and therefore, all the States in an Electricity Region have their share of power from nuclear power stations, regardless of their physical location. Punjab has a share of power from the nuclear power plants in Northern Electricity Region.

Uranium mining in Andhra Pradesh

3204. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department has proposed uranium mining and processing plant at Nalgonda district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its proposal before the Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any consultations in this regard with the Government of Andhra Pradesh was held; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy proposes to set up an opencast mine and an underground mine at Lambapur and two underground mines at Peddagattu in Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh;

UCIL also proposes to set up a Uranium Processing Plant at Seripally village in Deverkonda Mandal in Andhra Pradesh. The estimated cost of the Mining and Milling project is Rs. 558.42 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The site clearance has been obtained from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). An application has been submitted to MoEF for environmental clearance in respect of setting up of mines The Expert committee of MoEF has recommended the proposal for final environmental cleanance. Formal clearance from MoEF is awaited.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The response of the Government of Andhra Pradesh is positive.

Pact between MCL and SE Railways

3205. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited has entered into a pact with South Eastern Railways to implement a rail infrastructure project to facilitate transportation of large quantities of coal from Gopalpur-Monoharpur blocks under MCL in Orissa:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether MCL proposes to develop new mines in Gopalpur-Monoharpur blocks which have the potential to produce an estimated 21 million tonnes of coal annually during the Eleventh Plan period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the project also involves the participation of East Coast Railways in the project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has proposed to construct Railway line connecting the coal blocks of Gopalpur Tract of IB Valley Coalfields for Sargeda in Sundergarh district to Jharsuguda Station of Orissa. MoU has been signed with South Eastern Railways to acquire the land for the said Railway line project. Advance Action Proposal (AAP) amounting Rs. 9.47 crores has been approved by Government, of India for this railway line project.

(c) and (d) MCL has proposed to develop two new projects namely Garganbahal OCP (10.00 MTY) and Siarrnal OCP (8.00 MTY) in the Gopalpur-Monoharpur blocks during the Eleventh Plan.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply at (e) above.